Main Southern Road.

143. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to issue orders to widen the main southern road from the 36th to the 38th mile-stone (Villukiri to Chunkankadai approximately)?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter will be looked into.

Avenue Trees.

144. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the Public Works Department to plant more avenue trees along the main roads and village roads than is done at present?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has been asked to prepare and submit a programme for the systematisation of the planting of new avenue trees and the maintenance of the old ones. The programme is reported to be under preparation by the Chief Engineer and is awaited. In the budget estimate of the P. W. D. for 1099, a sum of Rs. 2,500 is provided for this item (item No. 192 in the budget).

Teachers qualified in Tamil.

145. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, will the Government be pleased to state the number of temporary and permanent vernacular school teachers qualified in Tamil appointed since the issue of the Government order requiring that only persons qualified in Tamil should be appointed for teachers' vacancies in these two taluks?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ten, including two permanent and eight acting appointments.

Applicants qualified in Tamil for Teachers' posts.

146. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools for appointments as vernacular school teachers from persons qualified in Tamil since the issue of the Government order requiring that only persons qualified in Tamil should be appointed for teachers' vacancies in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram and how many of them have been appointed?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 23 applications. With reference to the latter part of the question the member's attention is invited to the answer furnished to his question No. 145.

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[Mr. Paul V. Daniel.]

MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools to draw his attention to the remaining 13 applications from persons qualified in Tamil?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are no vacancies. There are 13 applications and as vacancies arise, these applicants will be posted to those vacancies.

Officers of South Travancore and Literacy in Tamil.

147. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to order that only officers who can read and write Tamil should be posted to South Travancore in future?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This may not be always feasible.

Arable Lands near the Cape.

148. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that there are still some tracts of land which are available for conversion into paddy lands on both sides of the road leading to the old Tattarippu Odai Salt Factory from the Cape Comorin-Panagudi road? Is it a fact that there will not be much difficulty in irrigating these lands by the *kal* under the Variyur Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The lands available for conversion can be converted only gradually, as the full development of the scheme is possible only after the supply in the Nanjanad Puttanar channel is increased as the result of the improvements now going on.

Lands registered to depressed classes.

149. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of *puduval* or *poramboke* lands were registered in the names of members of the depressed classes from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One acre and twelve cents of land.

Crimes registered in certain Police Stations.

150. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of crimes registered in the Bhutapandi Police Station from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 (inclusive); and

(2) the number of crimes registered in the Aramboly Police Station from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 (inclusive).

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